

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

The broadcast flag will limit the fair use of media by many hobbyists and other technology enthusiasts.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

Yes.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes. If the flag could simply be ignored there is no point to it. Eventually its use would be required and legacy equipment would be worthless.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Yes.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

I expect significant implementation costs.